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Title: **IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS**

of which is described and claimed in:

() the attached specification, or

(X) the specification in application Serial No. NEW, filed January 19, 2001, and with amendments through _____, or

() the specification in International Application No. _____, filed _____, and as amended on _____ (if applicable).

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Japan	No. 2000-012544	January 21, 2000	YES


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The above application may be more particularly identified as follows:

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